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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Saturday, January 3, 2009, at 11 a.m.

Senate

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2008

(Legislative day of Wednesday, December 10, 2008)

The Senate met at 10 and 37 seconds a.m., on the expiration of the recess, and was called to order by the Honorable RON WYDEN, a Senator from the State of Oregon.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD).

The assistant legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, December 19, 2008.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable RON WYDEN, a Senator from the State of Oregon, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD,
President pro tempore.

Mr. WYDEN thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RECESS UNTIL TUESDAY,
DECEMBER 23, 2008, AT 11 A.M.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate stands in recess until Tuesday, December 23, 2008, at 11 a.m.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 10:01 and 4 seconds a.m., recessed until Tuesday, December 23, 2008, at 11 a.m.

• This "bullet" symbol identifies statements or insertions which are not spoken by a Member of the Senate on the floor.



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Senate

Chamber Action

Senate met at 10:00:37 a.m. in pro forma session, and recessed at 10:01:04 a.m. until 11 a.m., on Tuesday, December 23, 2008.

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet at 11 a.m. on Saturday, January 3, 2009, pursuant to the provisions of H. Con. Res. 440.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

11 a.m., Tuesday, December 23

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

11 a.m., Saturday, January 3, 2009

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Senate will meet in a pro forma session.

House Chamber

Program for Saturday: To be announced.



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